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SUBJECT:THIRD WORLD POLITICS INTERVENES IN LATIN AMERICAN  
DRUG RESEARCH SEMINAR

1. THE SECOND LATIN AMERICAN SEMINAR ON NATIONAL RESEARCH  
PROGRAMS IN DRUG DEPENDENCY OPENED IN CUERNAVACA ON JULY 29.  
IN ATTENDANCE ARE DRUG EXPERTS FROM THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA,  
AS WELL AS THE UN.

2. MOST OF THE SPEECHES REPORTED IN THE PRESS HAVE BEEN  
ALONG PROFESSIONAL OR CONSCIOUSNESS-RAISING LINES. BUT ONE  
DECLARATION WAS A STATEMENT BY THE VENEZUELAN AG, JOSE RAMON  
MEDINA. IN AN AIRPORT ARRIVAL INTERVIEW, HE INTER ALIA SAID  
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THAT DRUG ABUSE THROUGHOUT HE WORLD IS A PRODUCT OF SOCIAL

DISORGANIZATION, WHICH IS USED TO UNDERMINE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEMS.

3. ASKED ABOUT THIS STATEMENT ON JULY 30, DR. BELSASSO OF THE MEXICAN CENTER FOR DRUG DEPENDENCY RESEARCH(CEMEF), UNESCO DELGATE KUTUKDJIAN AND THE COLOMBIAN MINISTER OF JUSTICE, JORGE RESTREPO FONTALVO, AGREED THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE THAT THE USE OF DRUGS WAS A POLITICAL WEAPON USED AGAINST THE THIRD WORLD. RESTREPO SAID IT IS "PARANOIA" TO SAY THAT GREAT POWERS TRY TO DOMINATE THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THROUGH THE CONSUMPTION OF NARCOTICS. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE DID KNOW THAT CIA "HAD USED LSD TO DRUG (UNSPECIFIED) LATIN AMERICAN DIPLOMATS."

4. FOR HIS PART, DR. BELSASSO SAID: "I HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT THERE ARE POLITICAL FUNDS INVOLVED IN THE CONTROL AND CONSUMPTION OF DRUGS, ALTHOUGH THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT THEY MAY NOT EXIST." HE TERMED IT "EXTREME PARANOIA" TO SAY THAT THE U.S. IS DRUGGING LATIN AMERICAN YOUTH IN ORDER TO DOMINATE IT; OR FOR THAT MATTER TO SAY THAT CHINA IS DOING THE SAME THING TO U.S. YOUTH.  
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